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SUBJECT: NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM -- TASK FORCE
NUMBER 2 (REINFORCEMENT)

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1. THIS MESSAGE FURNISHES OUR INITIAL VIEW OF THE MAIN
PROGRAM AND POLICY EMPHASES FOR TASK FORCE 2 ON REINFORCE-
MENT, AND WHICH SHOULD BE CITED IN ITS INTERIM REPORT TO
MINISTERS.

2. UNLESS MISSION OR USDEL MC HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE
CONTENT, WE WILL PASS OUR INITIAL VIEWS TO THE NEW TASK

FORCE DIRECTOR, VICE ADM LORAM, DURING HIS VISIT HERE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR SUCH CONSIDERATION AS HE SEES APPROPRIATE IN THE PREPARATION OF HIS END-OCTOBER REPORT. SINCE THE WORK OF HIS TASK FORCE IS ALONG SIMILAR LINES, WE EXPECT THESE VIEWS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM IN PREPARING HIS RESTRICTED LISTING OF KEY PROGRAM AND POLICY EMPHASES FOR REVIEW BY MINISTERS IN DECEMBER.

3. IF MISSION OR USDEL MC HAVE MAJOR COMMENT, IT SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY.

4. FYI: MISSION SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE REGARD NEED TO FOCUS ON THESE FEW KEY HIGH PRIORITY EFFORTS AS CENTRAL TO

A SUCCESSFUL LTDP. IF THEY ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE TF FOR OTHER THAN WHAT PROVE TO BE COMPELLING REASONS, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO RAISE THEM WITH EWG, THEN PERMREPS, AND, IF NECESSARY, AT DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. END FYI.

5. BEGIN TEXT OF INITIAL US VIEWS:

KEY PROGRAM EMPHASES (ALL PROGRAMS SHOULD INCLUDE ESTIMATED COST SCHEDULES)

1. ENHANCEMENT OF STRATEGIC AIRLIFT. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD ENSURE CONTINUAL AVAILABILITY OF AN ADEQUATE FLEET
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OF MILITARY AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT, BOTH US AND ALLIED.

2. CONVERSION OF WIDE-BODIED CIVIL AIRCRAFT. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD PROVIDE A REASONABLE SCHEDULE FOR MODIFICATION OF WIDE-BODIED ALLIED CIVIL AIRCRAFT TO ENABLE THEM TO BE CONVERTED TO MILITARY USE IN TIME OF CRISIS.

3. INCREASE PRE-POSITIONING OF MATERIEL, EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD INCREASE PRE-POSITIONED MATERIEL, EQUIPMENT, AND AMMUNITION IN EUROPE FOR RAPID ISSUE TO REINFORCING UNITS AND TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABILITY. IT SHOULD INCLUDE IDENTIFICATION OF NECESSARY ADDITIONAL STORAGE SITES AND DISPERSAL AND BETTER LOCATION OF EXISTING PRE-POSITIONED STOCKS.

4. PROVIDE ADEQUATE RECEPTION FACILITIES. CONTINENTAL ALLIES MUST PROVIDE THESE FOR EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS IF EARLY REINFORCEMENT AND RESUPPLY IS TO BE OPERATIONALLY SUCCESSFUL.

5. IMPROVED SEALIFT CAPABILITY. EXAMINE OPTIONS FOR INCREASED USE OF COMMERCIAL CONTAINER SHIPS TO INCLUDE

POSSIBLE PROCUREMENT OF FLATRACKS, ADDITIONAL MILITARY
CONTAINERS AND MATERIEL HANDLING EQUIPMENT.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. COORDINATION OF REINFORCEMENT MOVEMENT RESOURCES.
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATO CIVIL
MILITARY MOVEMENTS COORDINATING MECHANISM TO PLAN FOR USE
OF MOVEMENT ASSETS AND TO COORDINATE AND CONTROL RESOURCES
TO MEET NATO REQUIREMENTS.

2. COORDINATED USE OF CIVIL AND MILITARY RESOURCES FOR
RECEPTION AND OFFLOADING. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE
COORDINATED USE OF CIVIL AND MILITARY RESOURCES FOR
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RECEPTION, OFFLOADING, AND RECYCLING OF AIRLIFTED EXTERNAL

REINFORCEMENTS. IN VIEW OF VULNERABILITY OF EUROPEAN
HARBORS, IT SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE THE USE OF BEACHES,
IMPROVISED ENTRY PORTS OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES FOR DIS-
CHARGE OF CARGO.

3. COMMITMENT OF CIVIL SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT. DEVELOP
ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL COMMITMENT OF SUITABLE SHIPS
AND AIRCRAFT TO NATO BEFORE HOSTILITIES COMMENCE.

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